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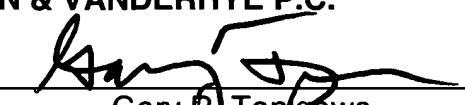
Sir:

The subject application was filed on May 24, 1999 and a Status Inquiry was filed on November 23, 2005. Since then, however, Applicants have not received any communication from the Patent and Trademark Office. The undersigned spoke to Mr. Michael A. Neas of the Office of PCT Legal Administration on February 13, 2006, who confirmed that the physical file for this application was being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for processing. He advised that the Patent Office had corrected the serial number of the parent international patent application and would treat this application as filed under 35 U.S.C. 111. See also PCT/DO/EO/911 mailed July 12, 1999.

Inquiry is made as to when the Filing Receipt and an Office Action will be mailed. It is also requested that PAIR designate **Customer Number 23117** for this application in accordance with the Rule 63 Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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